

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

FROM: **RUDY LOPEZ**, Director
 Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE VEHICLES FOR THE
 HOME RUN PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the purchasing agent to purchase three fixed asset vehicles costing approximately \$60,000.
2. Authorize the Auditor Controller to change appropriations as outlined in FINANCIAL IMPACT section (4 votes required).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 11, 1997, the Board of Supervisors (BoS) approved the Probation Department's application, on behalf of the County, to the Board of Corrections (BoC) for a Juvenile Crime Enforcement and Accountability Implementation/Demonstration Grant. A letter from the BoC on May 21, 1997, stated a three-year Demonstration Grant for San Bernardino County in an amount up to \$4,242,894 effective July 1, 1997, had been approved. Subsequent legislation has been targeted to extend this demonstration grant.

The Demonstration Project is an effort to provide immediate, effective, multidisciplinary services to youth identified as at high risk of serious delinquency. The Program is called Home Run and identifies chronic repeat offenders early in their criminal careers and provides effective interventions to deter those individuals from further delinquency.

The Home Run Program placed probation officers in a number of school districts identified by the planning process as high priority. Minors identified by these officers as high risk, as well as those identified by Juvenile Hall Intake and/or diversion staff, have been classified using the Orange County 8% risk assessment instrument. Those whose scores are positive in at least three of the four risk categories have been randomly assigned to the Home Run program or its control group. The Home Run Program has utilized multidisciplinary teams working collaboratively to address the identified risks and needs of high risk youth and their families. Each multidisciplinary team is comprised of staff from Probation, Public Social Services, Public Health and Behavioral Health.

Since the implementation of multidisciplinary teams, a critical need for transportation for adolescents and their families to various services has evolved. DBH is proposing to fund the purchase of three vans to transport the clients of the five Challenge Grant/Home Run Teams. The three vans will serve the Victor Valley; Chino and Rancho Cucamonga areas; and San Bernardino and Fontana areas.

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The primary function of the vans will be to transport adolescents and their families to various appointments in the community, including Behavioral services, doctor appointments, meetings with schools and other community resources. This transportation will enable the families to fully participate in the scope of services offered through the Home Run Program.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This recommendation has been coordinated with County Counsel and the Purchasing Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: DBH proposes to transfer existing funds from 4030 Structures and Improvements to Structures for the purpose of purchasing three vans for the Home Run program. The action has a net effect of zero to DBH's approved FY 99/00 Budget.

The following appropriation changes are required:

- Decrease appropriation in the DBH 4030 Structures and Improvements to Structures by \$60,000. The DBH 4030 line item has a sufficient balance of funds to meet the needs of pending capital improvement projects.
- Increase appropriation in the DBH 4050 Vehicles budget by \$60,000. Funding is provided by a \$60,000 decrease in the DBH 4030 budget for Structures and Improvements to Structures.

Appropriation change

INCREASE:	AAA-MLH-MLH-450-4050	\$60,000
DECREASE:	AAA-MLH-MLH-430-4030	<u>(\$60,000)</u>
Net budget Change		-0-

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): All

PRESENTER: Rudy Lopez, Director

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